GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:292
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2003
DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE
JAGMEET SINGH BRAR

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government expects spurt in foreign tourists to India during the ensuing winter;

(b) if so, the infrastructure facilities created to attract foreign tourists;

(c) the areas and regions likely to attract maximum foreign and domestic tourists; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to provide security arrangements particularly to the female tourists in and around the tourist spots?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a), (b), (c) and (d):A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No 292 ANSWERED ON 22.12.2003 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE.

(a): Yes, Sir. The growth in foreign tourist arrivals and foreign exchange earnings during January to November 2003 as compared to same period last year is 14.6% and 22.4% respectively. This trend is expected to continue.

(b): Development of tourist places including creation of infrastructure facilities to attract tourists including foreign tourists is primarily undertaken by the Private Sector and the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. TheDepartment of Tourism, Government of India, however, undertakes development of Integrated tourism circuits, product/infrastructure, destination development projects, etc. in collaboration with the State Governments.

(c): On the basis of information received from the State Governments for theyear 2002, the top five States popular among domestic tourists are Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Uttaranchal and Maharashtra and top five Statespopular among foreign tourists are Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Delhi, West Bengaland Rajasthan. Ministry of Tourism and Culture is developing tourism hubs and integrated circuits synethesising elements of tourism, culture and clean civic governance. It is expected that with improved infrastructure these hubs/circuits will attract maximum traffic inflow.

(d): Providing security arrangements to all including tourists is undertaken by State Government/UT Administrations. On the advise of the Government of India, the Governments of Kerala, Jammu & Kashmir, Rajasthan, Goa, HimachaPradesh, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh have also set-up Tourist Police Force for the safety and security of tourists including female tourists.